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In re application of

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Yoshiyuki HASHIMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/519,002

Group Art Unit: 2841

Confirmation No.: 7484

Examiner: Jeremy C. Norris

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For: CIRCUIT BOARD UNIT AND METHOD OF CONNECTING BOARDS TO EACH OTHER

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 6-232524, published August 19, 1994.
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 8-228074, published September 3, 1996, and previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed July 21, 2005.

3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-57429, published February 22, 2002.
4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 8-330736, published December 13, 1996.
5. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 4-323896, published November 13, 1992.
6. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 5-95191, published April 16, 1993.
7. Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Application Publication No. 61-199074, published December 12, 1986, and previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed July 21, 2005.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the references indicated as previously submitted.

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